ROBERT MITCHELL FURNITURE COMPANY *v.* SELDEN BRECK CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

ERROR TO THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO.

No. 56. Argued November 7, 1921.—Decided December 5, 1921.

1. A judgment of the District Court dismissing an action upon the ground that the process served was void and gave no jurisdiction over the defendant's person, is reviewable directly here. P. 214.
2. The purpose of a state law requiring foreign corporations to appoint local agents upon whom process may be served is primarily to secure local jurisdiction in respect of business transacted within the State, and the scope of the agency should not be extended further by implication unless so construed by the state Supreme Court. P. 215.
3. In an action in Ohio by an Ohio corporation against a Missouri corporation, upon a contract to be performed in Michigan, negotiated by correspondence and consummated (it seems) in Illinois, it appeared that the defendant had appointed an agent in Ohio, upon whom process might be served (Ohio Gen. Code, § 179) and was engaged in building operations there when the contract was made, but, before the suit, had ceased such operations and withdrawn its property and men and thereafter it merely filed an